

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, it is believed that the pending application is in condition for allowance. By this amendment, claims 1 and 2 are being amended and claims 6-19 are being added. Claims 1-19 are now pending. No new matter has been added.

Title

The title is being amended to remove the word "Water" and to correct the misspelling of "Vacuum".

Drawings

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference number 38. Reference number 38 has been added to Figure 1 and a replacement sheet is enclosed. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 was objected to because "the brew chamber" lacks antecedent basis in the preamble claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a brew chamber" in the preamble of claim 1. Withdrawal of this objected is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-5 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to included all of the limitations of claim 1 as previously pending. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 2 is therefore respectfully requested. Each of claims 3-5 depends either directly or indirectly from claim 2, and withdrawal of these rejections also is respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

The courtesies extended by Examiner Cartagena to Applicant's representative, Eric L. Amundsen, during the telephone interview of January 12, 2006 are acknowledged. The addition of new claims 6-19 to this application was discussed and Examiner Cartagena agreed to perform an updated search and examine this claim set on its merits. The Examiner noted during the interview that the four references listed on Form PTO-892 (included with the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005) do not disclose a metering chamber that is physically separate and remote from the storage tank.

Claim Rejections

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,606,938 to Taylor. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the metering chamber is physically separate and remote from the storage tank. Since the applied reference does not teach or suggest a metering chamber that is physically separate and remote from the storage tank, claim 1 as amended is believed to be patentable for at least this reason, and the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

New Claims

Claims 6-19, which were discussed during the interview, have been added. New claim 6 is believed to be patentable at least because, as noted above, the applied reference does not teach or suggest the combination of limitations recited, including a metering chamber that is physically separate and remote from a storage tank. New claims 7-19, each of which depends either directly or indirectly from claim 6, are believed to be patentable for at least the same reason provided for claim 6.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes,

after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, any necessary extension of time is hereby requested. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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